

TOWN OF SUNSET BEACH

TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

MEETING DATE: August 29, 2011

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 5a.

SUBJECT: Proposed Sewer System Vent Pipe Ordinance

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

Attached is the draft ordinance on the sewer system vent pipes (candy canes). There is a section that addresses those on the island for homes with the vacuum system, and another section for the vents required on the mainland grinder pumps. FEMA requires that all such vent pipes be placed above flood level. On the island the text of the draft ordinance encourages people to place them at the first floor level attached to the structure. Technically, they could place them lower if they have a flood elevation certificate that shows that level being only 5' above ground, but probably many will rather place them at the first floor level where they may be less conspicuous.

On the mainland, there is more of an appearance issue because the grinder pumps are placed in front of the house, and the vent pipe is located at the grinder pump typically. Along the Waterway, especially, there may be homes with flood elevations that are several, even 10 or more, feet above ground. That would result in possibly a ten-foot vent pipe sticking up in the air in front of the house. However, the County has agreed to run a PVC line from the grinder to the structure in such instances, against which that ten-foot vent pipe could be attached. Therefore, the text of the draft ordinance has addressed that. These vents are different than the ones for the vacuum system in that they do discharge odors and aren't merely air intakes.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS OR COMMENTS:

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